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SUMMBARY. NON-ORTHODOX UNIONISTS' DEFIANCE GOA AND NATIONAL
LABOR LEADERSHIP IS THREATENING VIABILITY GOA LABOR POLICY AND
CREATING SERIOUS ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS. LEFTIST UNIONISTS TO HOLD
PLENARY SEP 14 TO ORGANIZE POTENTIAL RIVAL CGT. END SUMMARY

1. GOA SOCIAL PACT LABOR POLICY IS BEING SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED
AS OPPOSITIONISTS UNIONISTS AND DISSIDENT WORKERS CONTINUE TO DEFY
GOA AND THEIR OWN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WITH REALTIVE IMPUNITY.
EXAMPLE: PRINTERS (FGB), NEWSMEN (APBA), SMATA CORDOBA, STATE
WORKERS (ATE) ROSARIO, AND HIGHWAY WORKERS (BUENOS AIRES UNION)
CONTINUE TO CONTROL UNION AFFAIRS, CARRY OUT STRIKES AND SIRUPT
NATIONAL ECONOMY DESPITE LOSS OF LEGAT STATUS AND/OR EXPULSION
BY NATIONAL UNIONS. CONTINUED ILLEGAL WORK-TO-RULE TACTCIS OF
CORDOBA IKA-RENAULT WORKERS HAS SO SERIOUSLY AFFECTED SUPPLY
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AUTOMOTIVE PARTS THAT OTHER AUTOMOTIVE COMPANIES HAVE PUBLICLY

STATED THAT THEY WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE THEIR PLANTS UNLESS IMMEDIATE SOLUTION IS FOUND. THE TEACHERS CONFEDERATION (CETERA) IS OPENLY CHALLENGING MINLABOR AND MINEDUCATION WITH NATIONWIDE STRIKES. DESPITE WARNING BY MINLABOR AND NON-RECOGNITION BY NATIONAL RAILWAY UNIONS LA FRATERNIDAD AND UNION FERROVIARIA, AN AD HOC INTER-UNION COMMISSION SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT RAILWAY STRIKES SEP 10 AND 11, AND HAS PROGRAMED ANOTHER FOR SEP 12. THE POWERFUL TUCUMAN SUGAR WORKERS FEDERATION (FOTIA) IS ALSO CARRYING OUT A SEP 11 PROVINCE-WIDE STRIKE IN OPEN DEFIANCE OF MINLABOR RULING THAT SUCH ACTION IS ILLEGAL.

2. STRIKES ARE IN SUPPORT DEMANDS FOR SALARY INCREASES WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER SOCIAL PACT POLICY. ALTHOUGH GOA HAS THUS FAR SUCCESSFULLY HELD LINE ON WAGE INCREASES, RESULTING PRODUCTION LOSSES AND DISRUPTION SERVICES ARE SERIOUSLY AFFECTING ECONOMY. ALSO, CONTINUED SURVIVAL OF ORTHODOX LEADERS WHO SUPPORT NATIONAL POLICY IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY PRECARIOUS AS RANK AND FILE BECOME MORE RECEPTIVE TO BLANDISHMENTS OF AGITATORS WHO STRESS BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES.

3. ORGANIZATION OF A POTENTIAL RIVAL CGT IS ALSO CERTAIN TO FURTHER WEAKEN GOA'S ABILITY TO ENFORCE NATIONAL LABOR POLICY. FOLLOWING WEEKEND MEETINGS, LEFTIST LABOR LEADERS (REFTEL) RESOLVED TO HOLD NATIONAL PLENARY SEP 14 AT LEFTIST FOTIA HEADQUARTERS IN TUCUMAN. PRINTERS UNION LEADER RAIMUNDO ONGARO AGAIN DENIED THAT NATIONAL COMBATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION (CCNC) WOULD BE PARALLEL CGT. HE SAID ORGANIZATION WOULD GROUP TOGETHER "COMBATIVE UNIONS, DELEGATES, INTER-UNION COMMISSIONS, ETC." WHICH WOULD SEEK TO "DEFEND WORKERS' SALARIES AND STRUGGLE FOR TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY".

4. COMMENT. CONTINUED SUCCESSFUL DEFIANCE GOA AND ORTHODOX LEADERSHIP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE ADDED IMPETUS TO NEW COMBATIVE COORDINATION COMMISSION. ORTHODOX LABOR CONTACTS ARE STILL HOPEFUL THAT SOLUTIONS TO SMATA STRIKE AND OTHER ILLEGAL LABOR ACTIVITIES CAN BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY; HOWEVER, THEY ARE BEGINNING TO TALK MORE OF THE NEED FOR REPRESSIVE POLICE ACTION TO FORESTALL ADDITIONAL EROSION NATIONAL LABOR POLICY AND LEADERSHIP.
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